

Natural Areas Week 2010 Calendar of Events
April 5th through 11th

East Tennessee Activities and Events

Collins Gulf Pre – Natural Areas Week Wildflower Hike

Location: Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Collins West Trailhead, turn north on 55th Ave off Hwy 108 in Gruetli-Laager, Grundy County

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leader: Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist

Sponsors: Resource Management Division, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and South Cumberland State Recreation Area

Reservations: Not required

Description: This strenuous 5 mile hike has spectacular scenery such as waterfalls, bluff overlooks and rock formations. The trail has one of the most diverse and abundant wildflower displays in Tennessee. The guide is a naturalist familiar with the plants and the trail.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Savage Gulf go to:
<http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/savage/>

Natural Bridge Geology Talk

Location: Meet at Natural Bridge State Natural Area parking lot (south of Sewanee off of Hwy.56)

Date: Monday, April 5, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. central

Leader: Jason Reynolds, Ranger

Sponsor: South Cumberland Recreation Area

Reservations: Not required

Description: Overlooking Lost Cove, this small but unique natural area will interest and delight! Geology will be the theme, but we will also discuss the natural and cultural history of the area.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Savage Gulf go to:
<http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/natural/>

Mid-Week Wildflower Hike to Snow Falls – Laurel-Snow State Natural Area

Location: Meet at Laurel-Snow State Natural Area parking lot

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leader: Lisa Huff, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Reservations: Required. RSVP by April 5th to lisa.huff@tn.gov

Description: We will hike up the creek and then up the mountain to Snow Falls. This route generally has some very nice displays of wildflowers, including nice beds of trilliums. Bring lunch, water, snacks. We will not go if it is scheduled to rain heavily, so reservations with a contact number are required.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Laurel Snow go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/laurelsnow/>

Grundy Forest Privet Pull

Location: Meet at Grundy Forest State Natural Area parking (follow signs off of US41 /56 in Tracy City)

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. central

Leader: Jason Reynolds, Ranger

Sponsor: South Cumberland Recreation Area

Reservations: Not required

Description: Want to keep the natural area natural? You can by helping rid the forest of the invasive Chinese privet bush. Tools will be provided, but be sure to bring personal protective equipment like gloves, boots, and work clothes.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Grundy Falls go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/grundy/>

Spring Wildflower Hike, House Mountain State Natural Area

Location: House Mountain State Natural Area

Date: Saturday April 10, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. eastern

Leader: Kris H. Light

Sponsor: Tennessee Resource Management Division

Reservations: Required. Due to the narrow trails, this hike will be limited to 20 people (NO PETS). RSVP to Kris Light by April 6 at (865) 483-0643 or E-mail

klight10@comcast.net

Description: Come join us on a hike at House Mountain State Natural Area on the outskirts of east Knoxville (off Rutledge Pike). The lower part of this trail is an easy loop where we will see several species of spring wildflowers. The upper part of the trail is considered moderately strenuous (about 3.5 miles with a 1000 ft. elevation gain), but well worth the effort to enjoy the marvelous views of the valley below, the Smokies and Cumberland Mountains. We'll also learn about the fascinating lichens and ferns that grow on the sandstone boulders on the top of the mountain. Wear good shoes or boots and layered clothing. Bring water and food. If you have a hand lens and wildflower identification guide they will make the hike more enjoyable. We will not go if it is forecast to rain.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of House Mountain go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/housemtn/>

Savage Falls Hike, South Cumberland State Park

Location: Savage Gulf

Date: Saturday April 10, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leader: Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Aaron Reid

Sponsor: South Cumberland State Park

Reservations: Not required.

Description: Join Ranger Aaron and enjoy this year's Natural Areas Week with a moderate four mile hike roundtrip to view beautiful Savage Falls. Wear good shoes or boots. Bring a snack and water. Bring a raincoat or poncho if raining. Bug repellent for those ticks. Don't forget your camera. For more information, contact our main visitor center (931)924-2980 or visit website www.friendsofscra.org for other interesting programs at South Cumberland State Park.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Savage Gulf go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/savage/>

Savage Gulf Slide Show, South Cumberland State Park

Location: Savage Gulf

Date: Sunday April 11, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m. central

Leader: Ranger George Shinn

Sponsor: South Cumberland State Park

Reservations: Not required.

Description: Join Ranger George for a relaxing end to Natural Areas Week with an informative slideshow on the Stone Door/Savage Gulf area, this area is full of natural and historical significance. For more information, contact our main visitor center (931)924-2980 or visit website www.friendsofscra.org for other interesting programs at South Cumberland State Park.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Savage Gulf go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/savage/>

North Chickamauga Creek Gorge State Natural Area - Overlook Hike

Location: Meet at the parking area for the North Chickamauga Creek Gorge State Natural Area, 354 Montlake Rd, Soddy-Daisy

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2010

Time: 12:00 p.m. eastern

Leader: Andy Wright, Park Ranger

Sponsors: Tennessee Division of Natural Areas, Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail

Reservations: Not required, however notice of attendance can be made by calling Ranger Wright at 423-886-2951 or emailing andrew.wright@tn.gov.

Description: Participants will hike a moderate to difficult 5 mile round trip hike to reach one of North Chickamauga Creek's scenic vistas, overlooking North Chick at its

confluence with Boston Branch and Rogers Creek. Along the way, we will pass remnants of the Montlake Coal mining operation, follow the base of towering bluffs, and admire many spring wildflowers in all their glory. Anticipate 4-5 hours for round trip. Hiking boots recommended.

For more information, including descriptions and maps about state natural areas visit the Resource Management Division web site at www.tdec.net/na Information about North Chick can be found at <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/northchick>

Bushwack Hike into Pogue Creek – Pogue Creek State Natural Area

Location: Meet at the Pickett State Park office

Date: Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. central

Leader: Ranger Brandon Taylor, Pickett State Park

Sponsor: Tennessee Natural Areas Program and Pickett State Park

Reservations: **THIS HIKE IS FULL.** Try again next year!

Description: The popular Pogue Creek bushwack hike never fails to satisfy visitors who have never before seen this area, as well as those well acquainted with the natural area. Undeveloped, Pogue Creek offers an overland “wilderness” type experience and can only be accessed with guides and off trail. Upon entry, you feel as if you’re in a grand canyon with real mesas, canyon walls and cliffs, and caves, except it’s all covered in trees! The scenery is breathtaking, wildflowers are scattered here and there, creeks, occasional rockhouses and caves. It’s all glorious.

Trips are limited in number to 10 people and usually fill up fast. This year all the spaces were booked before the trip could even be announced, so if you’re interested in seeing Pogue Creek during State Natural Areas Week, you can contact lisa.huff@tn.gov any time of year to reserve a space!

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Pogue Creek go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/pogue/> .

Sunday Stroll through Colditz Cove State Natural Area

Location: Meet at the Colditz Cove parking area

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leader: Lisa Huff, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Reservations: Required. RSVP to lisa.huff@tn.gov by April 9th.

Description: One of the most romantic places in Tennessee, Colditz Cove provides an easy to moderate short hike for a nice Sunday stroll and then you can be off to a nice lunch at nearby Historic Rugby or some other great local eatery. While at Colditz, you’ll experience unparalleled scenic beauty of Northrup Falls, early spring wildflowers, and gigantic old-growth white pines and Eastern hemlocks. This is one of the greatest stands

of Eastern hemlocks in Tennessee and well worth seeing given the enormous threat these magnificent trees are facing from the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Reservations are required along with a contact number in case of cancellation for inclement weather. There is no rain date. Contact lisa.huff@tn.gov any time of year to reserve a space!

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Colditz Cove go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/colditz/>

Middle Tennessee Activities and Events

Short Springs Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage

Location: Dairy Queen in Tullahoma. From I-24 in Manchester, take exit 111 onto TN 55 toward Tullahoma. Go about 12 miles to the first traffic light in Tullahoma. The Dairy Queen is one block beyond the light on the left.

Date: Saturday April 10, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leader: Dennis Horn, Tennessee Native Plant Society and Todd Crabtree, Tennessee Natural Heritage Program botanist.

Sponsor: Tennessee Native Plant Society, Tennessee Resource Management Division

Reservations requested: Please call (931) 461-0262

Description: Besides the extremely rich spring flora, there are five waterfalls, numerous dripping springs, and many limestone ravines. Trees that we will see in the ravines include species one would expect to find in the cove hardwoods of the Smokies. Unusual or rare plants include barren strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*) and nestronia (*Nestronia umbellula*).

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Short Springs go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/shortspr/>

Location: Short Springs parking area (under the water tower) on Short Springs Rd. just outside of Tullahoma

Date: Sunday April 11, 2010

Time: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. central

Leader: Dennis Horn and Don Davidson, Friends of Short Springs, Brian Bowen

Sponsor: Friends of Short Springs, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Reservations requested: Please call (931) 461-0262

Description: Short Springs is perhaps one of the richest wildflower areas in Middle Tennessee. Come enjoy the wildflowers, waterfalls, and cascading streams on a short three to four-mile hike and gain a greater appreciation of this wonderful Middle Tennessee jewel.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Short Springs go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/shortspr/>

Virgin Falls

Location: Meet at the Nashville Kroger store parking lot at 5544 Old Hickory Blvd, Hermitage near Summit Medical Center east of town.

Date: Saturday April 10th, 2010

Time: 7:00 a.m. central

Leader: Forrest Evans, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Reservations required: RSVP by April 9th to Forrest Evans, Forrest.Evans@state.tn.us or 615-532-0431. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of van transportation provided by the Tennessee State Parks.

Description: Journey through the scenic beauty of one of Tennessee's best-loved hiking trails at Virgin Falls State Natural Area. We will take the strenuous 8-mile trail to the falls. This trail descends off of the Plateau, and meanders along the creek passing caves, sinks, and waterfalls. We will have lunch at the falls, which is remarkable due to the water pouring out of a cave mouth at the top of a bluff then falling over a hundred feet before being swallowed up by a sinkhole at the bottom. The trail then backtracks up and out of the gulf to the parking area. We will not go if it is raining or it is predicted to rain. Consult a weather report before the trip. Dress in layers, wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Virgin Falls go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/virgin/>

Taylor Hollow Wildflower Hike

Location: Meet at the home of Dr. Ward, 671 Phillips Hollow Road, Westmoreland, in northeast Sumner County

(<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=671+Phillips+Hollow+Rd,+Westmoreland,+TN+37186,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=title>).

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. central

Leaders: Roger McCoy (roger.mccoy@tn.gov) and David Lincicome

Sponsor: Tennessee Resource Management Division

Reservations: No reservations are required. If there is inclement weather, you may telephone **615-804-2802 on Saturday morning** to determine if the trip is still planned.

Description: Help celebrate Natural Areas Week with Roger McCoy and David Lincicome, botanists with the Resource Management Division, for a remarkable wildflower hike at Taylor Hollow, a state natural area owned by the Tennessee Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Located on the Eastern Highland Rim, Taylor Hollow is renowned for its spring flora, especially the display of blue-eyed Mary, a state-endangered plant. This is an easy to moderately difficult hike lasting until late morning or early afternoon. Participants should bring water, lunch, sturdy footwear, and dress appropriately for the weather. As the wildflower display is sure to be showy, don't forget your camera.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Taylor Hollow go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/taylor/>

Devil's Backbone Hike

Location: Devil's Backbone State Natural Area, on the Natchez Trace Parkway a few miles north of Hwy 412 in Lewis County.

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. central

Leader: Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist

Sponsors: Resource Management Division

Reservations: not required

Description: Join us for a walk through a young hardwood forest of the Western Highland Rim. The trail follows a serpentine narrow ridge with numerous steep hollows. It also crosses a lush hollow with a clear water stream and some wildflowers.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Devils Backbone go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/devils/>

Presentation on Natural Areas and Natural Heritage Programs for the Sierra Club

Location: Radnor Lake State Natural Area Visitors Center, Nashville

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m. central

Leader: Andrea Bishop, Botanist

Sponsors: Resource Management Division

Reservations: not required

Description: The presentation will last about 1 hour at the Sierra Club meeting. An overview of the Rare Plant Protection Program, the Natural Areas Program, and the Natural Heritage Program will be presented in a powerpoint show.

For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps about this and other state natural areas visit the Resource Management Division web site at: www.tdec.net/na

Stillhouse Hollow Falls Wildflower and Waterfall Hike

Location: Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot at Target in Brentwood off Old Hickory Blvd and I-65 or 10:30 a.m. at Stillhouse Hollow

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m. central at Target or 10:30 a.m. at Stillhouse Hollow

Leader: Brian Bowen, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Resource Management Division

Reservations: Required. RSVP to Brian Bowen by April 6 at (615) 532-0436 or E-mail Brian.Bowen@tn.gov Van transportation will be provided based on available space, so make your reservation soon.

Description: Join us for a scenic hike at Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area in Maury County. This is about a two mile hike that is moderately difficult. We will enjoy the scenic waterfall and spring wildflowers. Bring a sack lunch and water. Dress for the weather, and hiking boots are recommended.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Stillhouse Hollow go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/stillhouse/>

Hill Forest Hike

Location: Highway 70 S, near Bellevue, Outside Nashville, TN

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. central

Leader: Julia Landstreet, President, Friends of Warner Parks, Vera Volbrecht, Director of Warner Park Nature Center, Warner Parks, Brian Bowen, TN Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Friends of Warner Parks, Warner Parks Nature Center, TN Resource Management Division

Reservations required: (615) 579-6050 or email julialandstreet@gmail.com, meeting location information will be provided at this time.

Description: The Hill Forest is the most recent addition to the State Natural Areas Program. It is a 225 acre parcel of "old growth" forest located 9 miles from downtown Nashville that has been purchased by Friends of Warner Parks and will be incorporated into the Warner Parks system. The hike includes some spring ephemerals and many beautiful trees. Dress for the weather and bring water. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

For more information www.friendsofwarnerparks.com

A Walk in the Bon Aqua Woods

Location: John Noel State Natural Area, turn west off Hwy 46 just north of Hwy 100 in Hickman County

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. central

Leader: Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist

Sponsors: Resource Management Division

Reservations: not required

Description: Walk with a naturalist on the 1 mile easy trail thru an old hardwood forest on the Western Highland Rim. The plant life is very diverse with many species of tree, shrub and wildflower. Some of the trees are very impressive.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of John Noel State Natural Area visit: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/johnnoel/>

Flat Rock Cedar Glade and Barrens Hike

Location: Meet at the parking lot at Target off Bell Road and I-24 at 12:45 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Flat Rock parking area on Factory Road east of Murfreesboro

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 12:45 p.m. central at Target or 1:30 p.m. central at Flat Rock

Leader: Brian Bowen, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Natural Resource Division

Reservations required: Please call (615) 532-0436 or email Brian.Bowen@tn.gov to RSVP by April 9. Van transportation will be provided based on available space, so make your reservation soon.

Description: Flat Rock Cedar Glade is one of the best examples of a cedar glade and barrens ecosystem found anywhere. This three-mile hike will provide you a glimpse of the glades, barrens, and forest at Flat Rock. The hike will focus on spring wildflowers and cedar glade ecology. Dress for the weather and bring water. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

For more information including description, directions, and a map of Flat Rock Cedar Glade and Barrens go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/flatrock/>

Duck River Biodiversity Hike

Location: Meet at 9:00 a.m. central in Nashville at the Target Shopping Center parking lot at I-65 Exit 74A and Old Hickory Boulevard

--OR--

Meet at 10:00 a.m. central at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill (park near shelter closest to the river after turning into park restaurant entrance from US 31).

Date: Saturday April 10th, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. central in Nashville or 10:00 a.m. central at Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill

Leader: Silas Mathes, Tennessee State Parks, Resource Management Division

Reservations required: RSVP by Friday April 9th to Silas Mathes, silas.mathes@tn.gov 615-532-0431. The first ten participants can take advantage of van transportation.

Description: The Duck River was featured in the February 2010 issue of *National Geographic* as one of the most biologically diverse places on the planet. Come see for yourself as we walk down to the river's edge and along gravel bars at Henry Horton State Park. There we'll discuss what makes the river an ideal home for so many different animal species. If the water is low enough, numerous mussels, aquatic insects, and possibly some rare fish should be easily visible. After lunch, we'll travel 12 miles east from Henry Horton State Park to Cheek's Bend State Natural Area. At Cheek's Bend, we'll follow a moderately easy two mile trail that leads through unique Middle Tennessee habitats featuring hardwood forests, cedar glades, spring wildflower displays, sinkholes, a cave entrance, and bluffs with beautiful views of the Duck River.

Bring water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. If the weather is nice, there may also be an opportunity to get your feet wet. We should return to Nashville around 4:00 PM.

For more information, visit:

<http://tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/duckriv/>

<http://tn.gov/environment/parks/HenryHorton/>

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2010/02/cubic-foot/liittschwager-photography>

Radnor Lake State Natural Area Natural Areas Week Events

Location: Radnor Lake, Nashville. Please visit: www.radnorlake.org for Natural Areas Week activity information at Radnor Lake

West Tennessee Activities and Events

Nature Walk at Mineral Slough Boardwalk and Trail, Ghost River State Natural Area

Location: Ghost River State Natural Area, Mineral Slough Trail; we will meet at 2 p.m. central in the parking lot of the post office in downtown LaGrange (turn south off of route 57 onto Yager Drive in LaGrange- post office on right)

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. central

Leader: Allan J. Trently, Tennessee Natural Areas Program and Cathy Justis, Wolf River Conservancy

Sponsor: Tennessee Resource Management Division, Wolf River Conservancy

Reservations: Required: RSVP before Friday, April 9th to Allan Trently at Allan.trently@tn.gov or Cathy Justis at education@wolfriver.org.

Description: We will walk along the approximately ½ mile long Mineral Slough boardwalk and trail which goes through bottomland forest and cypress-gum swamp. Since this is a short walk we will allow a lot of time for learning about the biology and ecology of the area. A portion of the trail may be muddy so boots are recommended. We will plan to spend two hours at the site, but participants can leave before that time.

For more information on Ghost River State Natural Area, including descriptions, directions, and maps, visit the Resource Management Division web site at: <http://tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/ghostriver/>. A map of Ghost River can be found at that web site at the link: <http://tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/ghostriver/ghostriver.pdf>

Butterfly and Plant Hike at Carroll Cabin Barrens State Natural Area

Location: Carroll Cabin Barrens State Natural Area, Bath Springs south of Parsons, Decatur County. Meet at the natural area parking lot. A map to the site can be found at: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/carrollcabin/carrollcabin.pdf>.

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m. central

Leader: Allan Trently, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Tennessee Resource Management Division

Reservations: Required. Contact Allan Trently at (731) 512-1369 or at allan.trently@tn.gov no later than April 8th. If you need to call me on April 10th call my cell at 731-234-4887 (coverage at Carroll Cabins is not reliable).

Description: Hike the moderately strenuous (most will find it easy) 2.5-mile loop trail covering a 200+ feet elevation change along wooded ridges, limestone barrens and cedar glades on the west bank of the Tennessee River. Learn about the animals and plants found in the area and the reason for the State's interest in preserving the property and what makes it a significant natural area worthy of protection. The trip leader will focus on

the butterflies (50 species have been seen here including the rare cobweb skipper) and plants. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a snack, bring binoculars if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. We will not go in the event of inclement weather.

For more information including description, directions, and a map about Carroll Cabin Barrens go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/carrollcabin/>.

Program on the Tennessee State Natural Areas of West Tennessee

Location: Memphis Botanic Garden

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Time: 12:00 p.m. central

Speaker: Allan Trently, Tennessee Natural Areas Program

Sponsor: Tennessee Resource Management Division, Natural Areas Program

Reservations Required: Contact Laurie Williams at (901) 636-4128

Description: There are fourteen Tennessee state natural areas between the Mississippi River and the Natchez Trace Parkway. The speaker will give a brief account of these areas and show numerous photographs of the landscape, animals and plants from each with a strong emphasis on the plants. Free posters of natural areas and plants will be given out. The program will last approximately 1 hour.

For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps about this and other state natural areas visit the Resource Management Division web site at: www.tdec.net/na

Native Tree Identification, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area

Location: Nature Center at Poplar Tree Lake, MSFSP

Dates: Friday, Saturday, April 9, April 10

Time: 4:00 p.m. central

Leader: Samantha Cox, Park Interpretive Specialist

Reservations: Not required. For information and directions call the Visitor Center at 901-876-5215.

Description: Take a nice leisurely stroll around the lake with an experienced Naturalist and learn several of our native trees, both by bark and leaf. This can help people identify what they have in their own yards and which species are good or bad to have.

For more information including description, directions, and a map about Shelby Forest go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/meeman/>

Invasive Plant Seminar, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area

Location: Bike Trail at Shelter 2 at Meeman Shelby Forest State Park

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Samantha Cox, Park Interpretive Specialist

Reservations: Not required. For information and directions call the Visitor Center at 901-876-5215.

Description: This seminar is intended to teach invasive plant identification, removal, and control. We will hike along the Bike Trail, removing some of the invasives present there. Hopefully these newly learned skills can be taken home and put to use in a variety of privately own lands to control the spread of damage-causing plants.

For more information including description, directions, and a map about Shebly Forest go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/meeman/>

Pontoon Boat Trip, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area

Location: Poplar Tree Lake, MSFSP, meet at the Nature Center 15 minutes prior to trip time.

Date: Saturday, April 10

Time: 2:00 p.m. central

Date: April 11

Time: 5:00 p.m. central

Leader: Samantha Cox, Park Interpretive Specialist

Reservations: Required, call Visitor Center at 901-876-5215 to reserve.

Description: These are guided 45-minute trips around our scenic 135-acre Poplar Tree Lake. We'll talk about the native wildlife, lake ecology, forest and swamp ecosystems, local flora, and much more! There is a \$1 per person fee (age 5 and under free) and reservations are required; limit of 15 per trip.

For more information including description, directions, and a map about Shebly Forest go to: <http://state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/meeman/>

Reelfoot Lake Deep Swamp Canoe Trip

Location: Meet at Reelfoot Lake State Park Visitor Center, Hwy 21/22 Tiptonville, TN

Date: April 10th (also offered April 3rd and 4th)

Time: 8:00 a.m. and 1:p.m.

Leader: Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Daniel Burgess

Sponsor: Reelfoot Lake State Park

Reservations Required: 731-253-9652 Cost 20\$ per park boat, own boat no cost.

Description: A naturalist guided canoe float into one of the most unique areas of Reelfoot Lake. Glide thru an old growth cypress forest. Observe a wide variety of wetland plants, birds and possibly wildlife. Learn about the history of Tennessee's earthquake lake and the special places found there.

For more information including description, directions, and a map about Reelfoot Lake go to: <http://tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/reelfoot/>